

<b>Name</b>	Sarah King
<b>Award</b>	Richard Aronowitz Senior Project Award
<b>Major</b>	Sculpture
<b>Undergraduate Status</b>	Senior
<b>Project Title</b>	It Takes a While
<b>Proposal</b>	<p>This project is called It Takes a While.</p> <p>I will fabricate each of the letters of the alphabet out of steel. Each one standing at about four feet tall and constructed three dimensionally.</p> <p>They will exist scattered about a field laying in all orientations, becoming both a visual representation and interactive experience representing the struggle of mastering the English language.</p> <p>I have been volunteering at the Mission Hill School in Jamaica Plain for the past two years.</p> <p>It Takes a While was born after working so closely with one specific Kindergarten class, full of students from all sorts of backgrounds, some speaking different languages at home and school, all trying to overcome the daunting task of learning the alphabet.</p> <p>Because this so quickly became such an important part of my life, it was inevitable that it would start to overlap and intersect with my art practice.</p> <p>I aim to create a space where the letters are of a scale that is similar to the body. The viewer is able to have a relationship with the structures because of their size. Each of the letters, stand at about four feet tall, the height of the average elementary school student. This is concurrent to when a child will generally start to develop an understanding, a feeling of mastery, towards the alphabet. As children go to visit this field of letters, it will be</p>

something to look up to, come eye to eye with, and feel great accomplishment.

### **Impact**

It would make it possible.

This project has to be done at a large scale to be effective. Therefore, I need a lot of material, and a lot of money.

I would use this money to purchase 20-30 4'x8' sheets of 18-gauge steel. This would be enough steel for me to fabricate the entire alphabet. The sheets run at about \$50-\$60 depending on the quantity purchased. I have been able to get a student discount from Turner Steel before, and it is possible it could happen again, which would lower the cost per individual sheet.

I would steel need to purchase some consumables, and supplies to work with to complete the project. But the cost of those will be something that is basically negligible if the steel purchase is able to be taken care of.

### **Artwork**



### **Description**

play.  
Installation  
Wood, paint, woodchips  
October 2017





**Artwork**



**Description**

like a flip flop  
9 x 4 x 5 feet  
Steel, paint  
Fall 2017

**Artwork**



**Description**

and it keeps going...  
12 - 15 ft approx.  
Steel, paint  
Spring 2017

## Artwork



**Description** Dad and me  
3 x 3 ft  
Concrete, printed fabric  
Fall 2018



## Artwork



## Description

noodle  
4 x 2 feet  
Steel, paint  
Spring 2016